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30. (Amended) The method of claim ²⁴29, wherein the hydrogen provided to the one or more oxidizing catalysts is supplied from the hydrogen storage vessel.

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31. (Amended) The method of claim ²⁵30, further comprising:

stopping hydrogen to the one or more oxidizing catalysts after the oxidizing catalysts reach a light-off temperature.

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33. (Amended) The method of claim [3]12, wherein the hydrogen is provided into the internal combustion engine for about one minute or more following startup.

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34. (Amended) The method of claim [3]12, wherein the hydrogen is provided into the internal combustion engine for between about 30 seconds and about one minute.

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35. (Amended) The method of claim [3]12, wherein the hydrogen is provided into the internal combustion engine for between about 10 and about 15 seconds.

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36. (Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the one or more reducing catalysts are disposed on a support material selected from alumina, silica, zeolite, and titanium dioxide.

REMARKS

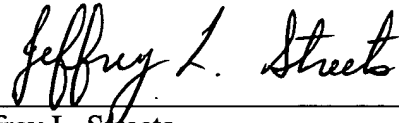
Applicant acknowledges that the application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters.

The drawings stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). The drawings have been amended to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims without entry of new matter. Specifically, the drawings now show "a third control valve providing fluid communication with the internal combustion engine" and "providing hydrogen fuel to the internal combustion" as set out in claim 1. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claims 1-36 stand objected to because of certain informalities. In particular the claims contain alternative and unclear language. The claims have been amended accordingly. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

In light of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicant asserts that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. In the event that any fees are necessary to make this response timely or in a condition for examination, please charge such fees against the undersigned attorney's deposit account 500714/Lynn/0088. Furthermore, if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be beneficial or serve to expedite the present application, please contact me at your convenience.

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